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SUBJECT: TURKISH DEMARCHE ON ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS ITEM

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1. SUMMARY: TURKISH PERMREP TURKMEN CALLED ON GOV SCRANTON SEPTEMBER 16 TO SEEK US SUPPORT FOR ALLOCATION BY GENERAL COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK OF CYPRUS ITEM TO SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE. SCRANTON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TURKMEN'S EXPLANATION OF TURKISH POSITION AND SAID WE WULD BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT AT ONCE ON THIS MATTER. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, GREEK PERMREP PAPAOLIAS, DURING CALL ON AMB BENNETT SEPTEMBER 15, STATED GREEK SIDE'S OPPOSITON TO TURKISH PROPOSAL AND ASKED FOR US SUPPORT. SIMILAR APPROACH MADE BY CYPRIOT DEPREP JACOVIDES TO BENNETT ON SEPT. 16. END SUMMARY.

2. TURKISH PERMREP TURKMEN, IN VISIT TO GOV SCRANTON SEPTEMBER16, PROVIDED THREE ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TURKISH PROPOSAL THAT CYPRUS ITEM BE ALLOCATED TO SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) THIS YEAR: PROCEDURE WOULD BE IMPROVED IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES PROBLEM OF TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSING THE PLENARY WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AVOIDED, AND INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD RECEIVE BENEFIT

OF POSITIVE EFFECT OF ITEM BEING HEARD ONLY IN SPC.  
TURKMEN ADDED THAT HE WOULD EXPECT US SUPPORT ON SUCH  
A MODEST REQUEST.

3. GOV SCRANTON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TURKMEN'S  
EXPLANATION AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE UP MATTER  
AT ONCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT. SCRANTON ASKED HOW TURKMEN  
SAW AT THIS STAGE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE'S VOTING ON THIS  
MATTER. TURKMEN REPLIED THAT SO FAR IN HIS ROUNDS HE  
HAD NOT ENCOUNTERED ANY UNFAVORABLE REACTION. TURKMEN  
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT MANY ON GENERAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE  
INFLUENCED BY US POSITION. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAS  
FIRM IMPRESSION THAT EVEN USSR (AND EAST EUROPEANS) WOULD  
FOLLOW US POSITION. (NOTE: TURKMEN TOLD MISOFFS IN  
ELEVATOR ON LEAVING THE MISSION THAT HE HAD APPOINTMENT  
WITH BRITISH TOMORROW AND WAS OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING UK  
POSITION. HE THOUGHT AUSTRALIA WOULD FOLLOW UK AND US  
LEAD AND FRG HAD INDICATED ITS SUPPORT ALREADY. HE ADDED  
HE COULD COUNT ON BACKING FROM MUSLIM MEMBERS, SUDAN,  
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN AND IRAN AND PROBABLY SIZEABLE ABSTENTION  
FROM AFRICANS AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED.)

4. IN EARLIER DEVELOPMENT, GREEK PERMREP PAPOULIAS CALLED  
ON AMBASSADOR BENNETT ON SEPTEMBER 15 TO EXPRESS GREEK  
CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE MOVE TO ALLOCATE CYPRUS ITEM TO  
SPC AND, IF SUCCESSFUL, POTENTIAL HARM TO CYPRUS TALKS.  
AMB BENNETT REPLIED THAT US HAD NOT AS YET TAKEN  
DECISION ON THIS QUESTION BUT THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL  
FOR GREEK SIDE'S VIEWPOINT WHICH HE WOULD CONVEY OF  
COURSE TO DEPT. A SIMILAR EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE ON SEPT. 16  
BETWEEN BENNETT AND CYPRIOT DEP REP JACOVIDES.

6. COMMENT: MISSION TENDS TO VIEW TURKISH REQUEST  
SYMPATHETICALLY IN LIGHT OF ABSENCE OF URGENCY WHICH  
PROMPTED CYPRUS ITEM'S INCLUSION ON GA AGENDA AND PLENARY  
DEBATE IN 1974 AND 1975, AND IN CONSIDERATION THAT SPC  
IS PROPER FORUM FOR CYPRUS DEBATE WHERE BOTH SIDES CAN  
SPEAK, THUS LIGHTENING PLENARY LOAD. GREEK SIDE'S  
REACTION AS POTENTIALLY DAMAGING TO THE CYPRUS TALKS  
IS PROBABLY BALANCED BY EQUALLY POTENTIAL HARMFUL EFFECTS  
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OF ITEM BEING TAKEN UP IN TWO FORUMS AS PREVIOUS YEARS  
WITH STRIDENT REMARKS FROM GREEK/CYPRIOT REP IN PLENARY.  
MISSION RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO GRANTING  
THIS PROCEDURAL VICTORY TO TURKS AND BELIEVES CONCESSIONS  
OF THIS SORT ON OUR PART SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH  
UNDERTAKING BY TURKS TO GIVE US HELP LATER ON KOREA OR ON  
OTHER ISSUES IMPORTANT TO US.  
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